

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, 13, and 17-29 are rejected as unpatentable over *Walsh* (US 6,662,014) in view of "well known prior art". The Applicants respectfully traverse that rejection for the following reasons.

The rejection asserts that *Walsh* discloses every element in the method of Claim 1 and the system of Claim 13, except for forwarding the information location to the requestor. However, a close reading of *Walsh* reveals several elements of the claimed invention (apart from forwarding the location information to the requestor) that are not disclosed or suggested by that reference. Those undisclosed elements include, with reference to the method defined by Claim 1:

(a) if the requestor is *unauthorized*, determining whether the wireless network user will accept requests to release location information to *unauthorized* users;

(b) if the requestor is *unauthorized* and the wireless network user is determined *to accept such requests*, forwarding to the wireless network user the requestor identification and the request for the requestor to receive the location information;

(c) if the wireless network user chooses not to release the requested location information to the *unauthorized* requestor, returning a message to the requestor that the request is denied; and

(d) if the wireless network user chooses to release the requested location information to the *unauthorized* user, retrieving the location information

associated with the wireless network user and forwarding the location information to the requestor.

Walsh does disclose receiving a request for the location of a wireless device (column 9, lines 10-12; Fig. 8, step 811), and determining whether the requestor is authorized to receive the requested location information (column 9, lines 16-20; step 812). If the requestor *is* authorized, *Walsh* receives the location information from the wireless device (steps 813 and 814) and sends that location information to the location-enabled service (step 815; column 9, lines 27-33). However, if the information requestor *is not acceptable* to the wireless communication device, *Walsh* rejects that request and sends a reject message to the requestor (step 816; column 9, lines 34-38). At that point (step 817) the *Walsh* method ends (column 9, lines 39-40) without determining whether a wireless user may accept a request from a particular unauthorized requestor.

It should now be apparent that *Walsh* omits elements (a) - (d), recited above, of the Applicants' claimed invention. Those omitted elements of the present invention provide a further level of providing a location query service, wherein an *unauthorized* requestor may nonetheless receive location information upon determining that the wireless network user (i) may accept requests to release information to unauthorized users and the wireless network user (ii) will accept the request from that unauthorized requestor. *Walsh* is silent on those further steps required by the overall method of Claim 1 and the system of Claim 13, and so those claims would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill based on *Walsh*.

The alleged "well known prior art" does not overcome the foregoing teaching deficiencies of *Walsh* relative to the claims. Indeed, *Walsh* himself sends the location

information from the location privacy manager 106 to the location-enable service 108, if the identity of the service 108 is acceptable to the wireless communication device 102 (column 9, lines 24-26, 27-29). Nothing therein, however, provides the elements missing from *Walsh* but included in the Applicants' claimed invention, as mentioned above.

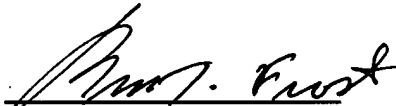
Those claims, accordingly, are patentable over the art of record.

Dependent Claims 3-9 and 17-29 depend from their respective parent claims and are patentable over the applied art for the reasons set forth above.

The foregoing is set forth as a complete response to the Office Action identified above. The Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and solicit a notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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